GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH ABSTRACT

Agriculture Marketing – Promotion of areas under red gram during Khariff 2009-10 – Announcement of special incentive to the farmers in A.P. – Orders – Issued.

AGRICULTURE & COOERATION (MKTG.IV) DEPARTMENT

<u>G.O.Rt.No. 234</u>

<u>Date: 20-02-2010.</u>

Read the following:-

1. Minutes of the meting held by the Hon'ble Chief Minister on 07.07.2009.

- 2. From the Economic and Statistical Advisor, 2009 Directorate of Economics and Statistics, Ministry of Agriculture, Govt. of India, Krishi Bhavan, New Delhi. Lr. No. 6-1/2009-FES-ES(Part-II), Dt. 01.08.2009.
- 3. From the A.P.Markfed, Hyderabad letter No.P&M1/MSP-red gram/2009-10, Dt.06-08-09.
- 4. Minutes of the meeting of the Group of Ministers held in the Chambers of Minister for Finance on 17-8-09 communicated by the CCS vide letter No.PCC/4162/ 2009, Dt. 01.09.2009.
- 5. Minutes of the meeting held by the Hon'ble Chief Minister on 09.09.09 communicated by the CCS vide letter No. PCC/4162/2009, dated 10.09.2009.
- 6. From the A.P. Markfed, Hyderabad letter No.P&M1/MSP-red gram/2009-10 Dt.24-09-2009.
- 7. From the A.P.Markfed, Hyderabad letter No.P&M1/MSP-red gram/2009-10, Dt.23-10-2009.

O R D E R:-

It has come to the notice of the Government that there is an unprecedented increase in the prices of red gram and red gram dall during the last 6 months. In a review meeting by the Hon'ble Chief Minister on 07.07.2009 the issue was discussed and among other things, it has been decided to encourage the farmers to take up additional areas under red gram crop and to facilitate the same, it has been decided to provide an incentive from State Government in addition to the minimum support price declared by the Govt. of India.

- 2. The Group of Ministers during their meeting held on 17.08.2009 have directed A.P. Markfed to procure red gram from farmers at the rate of Rs. 3500/- per quintal and to supply the same to the Civil Supplies Corporation for supply under PDS. In the reference 7th cited above, the A.P. Markfed informed that the Government of India have fixed an MSP of Rs.2300/- per quintal for red gram for the year 2009-10 and that to ensure a rate of Rs.3500/- per quintal to farmer, the State Government will have to provide an incentive of Rs.1200/- per quintal.
- 3. The issue has been examined carefully by the Government and the Government hereby decided to provide an incentive of Rs.1200/- per quintal, over and above the MSP of Rs.2300/- announced by GOI, thereby providing a support price of Rs.3500/- per quintal for red gram. The above benefit will be made available to the farmers who sell the produce to A.P. Markfed. The A.P. Markfed shall arrange for procurement of Redgram from the farmers when the Market Prices fall below the support price of Rs.3,500/- and deposit the stock in various warehouses in the State.
- 4. It is also hereby directed that the A.P. Markfed can also release the stock to open market by calling for tenders in case the Committee constituted for the purpose decides to do so.
- 5. It is also decided to constitute a Committee of the following Officers to over see Price Support operations and procurement process as follows:
 - 1. Commissioner of Civil Supplies.
 - 2. Commissioner and Director of Agricultural Marketing.
 - 3. MD AP Markfed **Convener**
 - 4. VC & MD AP State Civil Supplies Corporation.
 - 5. Nominee of Finance Department.

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- 6. The procurement agency ie., A.P. MARKFED shall maintain separate, detailed accounts for the payments made under price Support Price of Rs.3500/- per quintal of Red gram. The Managing Director, A.P. MARKFED will submit audited accounts for the amount spent within one month of closing procurement and disposal operations for the red gram and place before the Committee constituted on the Price Support Operations and make recommendations to the Government as to the loss if any for reimbursement by the Government caused to AP MARKFED after disposal of entire quantities in the local Market.
- 7. Wide publicity shall be ensured by the Department of Agriculture and Marketing including Agricultural Market Committees for popularizing the additional incentive being given by the State Government for Red Gram over and above the Minimum Support Price in the larger interest of farmers.
- 8. The Finance Department shall nominate a senior officer to attend the above committee meetings on behalf of Finance Department.
- 9. The above Committee is directed to meet periodically and take a decision regarding the implementation of the scheme of giving incentive to farmers, and the issues arising out of the procurement process and also regarding the utilization of the dall by A.P. Civil Supplies Corporation and any other related item.
- 10. The Commissioner and Director of Agricultural Marketing, A.P. Hyderabad and Managing Director, A.P. MARKFED, Hyderabad are requested to take further necessary action in the matter.
- 11. This order issues with the concurrence of Finance (Exp.A&C) Department vide their U.O.No.975/17/A2/Exp.CS/10, Dt. 9-2-2010.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

K.R. KISHORE, PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT.

То

The Commissioner & Director of Agril. Marketing, A.P., Hyderabad.

The M.D., AP MARKFED, Hyderabad.

The Commissioner of Civil Supplies & EOS, Hyderabad.

All District Collectors/Joint Collectors in the State.

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